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***Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment***

The replies filed on April 28, 2003 and May 9, 2003 are not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The replies do not present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render new claim 100 patentable over the applied references. See MPEP 714.02 and 37 CFR 1.111. Note also that the Terminal Disclaimer filed April 28, 2003 is improper in that it is directed to particular claims which is not acceptable since the disclaimer must be a terminal portion of the term of the entire patent to be granted. See MPEP 1490, "Other Matters Directed to Terminal Disclaimers".

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

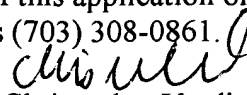
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